

10. SURYA has ascended above the glistening water,¹ as soon as he has put to his bright-backed steeds: sage (worshippers) have drawn him, like a ship, across the sea: the waters, hearing his commands, have come-down.

11. I offer to you, (gods), for the sake of water, an all-bestowing sacrifice, whereby the nine-months ministrants have completed the ten months rite: may we, by this sacrifice, be the protected of the gods: may we, by this sacrifice, cross over the boundaries of sin.

ŚUKTA II. (XLVI)

The deities of the first six stanzas are the VISWADEVAS, of the last two the wives of the gods; the *Rvstiiis* PRATIKSHATRA ; the metre of the second and eighth stanzas is *Trishtubh*, of the rest *JagatL*.

12. The sage, (PRATIKSHATRA), has, "of his own accord, attached himself to the burthen (of sacrifice), like a horse (to a chariot): I support that transcendent and preservative load: I do not desire release from it, nor yet its reiterated imposition: the sage, going first, conducts (men) by the right path.

13. AGNI, INDRA, VARUNA, MITRA, gods, confer (upon .us) strength: or, company of the MARUTS, or VISHNU, (bestow it): and may both the KṢATRYAS, KUDRA, the wives of the gods, PTISHAN, BHAGA, SARAS-VAṢ, be pleased (by our adoration).

14. I invoke for protection INDRA and AGNI, MITRA

¹ *Suryo druhat sukrani arnas*: Surya has mounted the bright water, that is, the commentator says, he has become everywhere visible; but it looks very like an allusion to the sun's

rising apparently out of the sea.